

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic polymer composition comprising the following components (A), (B), and (C):

ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A);

a polymer mixture (B) composed of a block copolymer (I) ~~mainly comprising a vinyl aromatic polymer block and a conjugated diene polymer block which may be hydrogenated,~~ and a rubber softener (II), wherein the block copolymer (I) comprises an unmodified block copolymer and a modified block copolymer,

the unmodified block copolymer mainly comprises a vinyl aromatic polymer block and a hydrogenated, conjugated diene polymer block,

the modified block copolymer is a block copolymer which may be hydrogenated, the block copolymer mainly comprising a vinyl aromatic polymer block and a conjugated diene polymer block and being obtained by radical-addition of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a derivative thereof to part of the unmodified block copolymer of block copolymer (I);  
and

a polyolefin resin (C), wherein

the following ~~three~~ four conditions are satisfied:

the ratio of [A]:[B] is in the range of 10:90 to 50:50,

the ratio of [I]:[II] is in the range of 30:70 to 90:10,

the ratio of ([A] + [B]):[C] is in the range of 100:0 to 100:30,

the ratio of [the unmodified block copolymer]:[the modified block copolymer] is in the range of 90:10 to 20:80, when the blending amount of component (A) in the thermoplastic polymer composition is denoted by [A] parts by weight, the blending amount of component (B) is denoted by [B] parts by weight, the blending amount of component (C) is denoted by

[C] parts by weight, the blending amount of block copolymer (I) in component (B) is denoted by [I] parts by weight, and the blending amount of rubber softener (II) is denoted by [II] parts by weight, and the blending amount of unmodified or modified block copolymer is denoted by [the unmodified block copolymer] or [the modified block copolymer] parts by weight,

at least part of the block copolymer (I) is modified wherein the modified block copolymer has been modified at a modification ratio of 0.05 wt.% or higher and 20 wt.% or less, so as to have a functional group capable of reacting with the ethylene - vinyl alcohol copolymer (A), ~~wherein said modification is not a reaction of a compound containing said functional group with a polymerization initiator used to prepare said block copolymer (I),~~

the ISO type A hardness of the composition is not less than 30 and not higher than 90, and

the oxygen permeation coefficient is  $20,000 \text{ mL} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day} \cdot \text{atm}$  or less, and wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A) is in the form of particles that are dispersed in layers in a matrix comprising polymer mixture (B) and polyolefin resin (C).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyolefin resin (C) is present and is a propylene polymer.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyolefin resin (C) is present and is polypropylene containing a functional group derived from an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a derivative thereof.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): A molded product composed of the thermoplastic polymer composition of claim 1.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The molded product according to claim 5, which is a packing for a container.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A multilayer structure comprising a layer composed of the thermoplastic polymer composition of claim 1 and a layer composed of the polyolefin resin (C).

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The multilayer structure according to claim 7, wherein the layer composed of said thermoplastic polymer composition and the layer composed of the polyolefin resin (C) are directly adhesively bonded to each other.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The multilayer structure according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the polyolefin resin (C) is a polypropylene polymer.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): A packing for a container composed of the multilayer structure of claim 7.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic polymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ISO type A hardness is not less than 40 and not higher than 80.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic polymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oxygen permeation coefficient is  $15,000 \text{ mL} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day} \cdot \text{atm}$  or less.

Claims 16-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of modified block copolymer (I) to the entire block copolymer (I) component is 25-60 wt%.